**REMARKS**:

Claims 2, 3, 5-10, and 26-43 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4 and 11-25 have been previously canceled without *prejudice*.

Claim 7, 26-30, and 37 stand objected to for certain informalities.

By this Amendment, Claims 7, 26-30, and 37 have been amended to correct certain

informalities. By making these amendments, the Applicants make no admission

concerning the merits of the Examiner's objections, and respectfully reserve the right to

address any statement or averment of the Examiner not specifically addressed in this

response. Particularly, the Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue broader claims

in this Application or through a continuation patent application. No new matter has been

added.

**CLAIM OBJECTIONS:** 

Claims 7, 26-30, and 37 stand objected to for certain informalities. In response the

Applicants have amended Claims 7, 26-30, and 37 to correct the certain informalities. The

Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to Claims 7, 26-30, and 37 are most in

view of the amendments to the claims. Thus, the Applicants respectfully request that the

objection to Claims 7, 26-30, and 37 be reconsidered and that Claims 7, 26-30, and 37 be

allowed.

The Applicants Claims Stand Patentable over the Previously Cited Prior Art

The Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claims 7, 26-30 and

37 are considered patentably distinguishable over the previously cited combination of

Huang, Greene, Dobler, and White, either individually or in combination.

With respect to dependent Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8-10, 31-36 and 38-43: Claims 2, 3, 5,

6, and 8-10 depend from amended independent Claim 7; Claims 31-36 depend from

amended independent Claim 30, and Claims 38-43 depend from amended independent

Response to Office Action Attorney Docket No. 020431.0771 Serial No. 09/841,320 Claim 37. As mentioned above, each of amended independent Claims 7, 26-30, and 37,

are considered patentably distinguishable over the previously cited combination of Huang,

Greene, Dobler, and White. Thus, dependent Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8-10, 31-36 and 38-43 are

considered to be in condition for allowance for at least the reason of depending from an

allowable claim.

For at least the reasons set forth herein, the Applicants respectfully submit that

Claims 2, 3, 5-10, and 26-43 are in condition for allowance. Thus, the Applicants

respectfully request that Claims 2, 3, 5-10, and 26-43 be allowed.

**CONCLUSION:** 

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to

be in condition for allowance, and early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are

earnestly solicited.

Although the Applicants believe no fees are deemed to be necessary; the

undersigned hereby authorizes the Director to charge any additional fees which may be

required, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 500777**. If an extension of

time is necessary for allowing this Response to be timely filed, this document is to be

construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

to the extent necessary. Any fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time should

be charged to **Deposit Account No. 500777**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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